Two child norm

41. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have projected small family in the National Population Policy, 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons why Government dropped the plan of 'two-child' norm in the family planning programme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the National Commission on Population has submitted a proposal to Government favouring the 'two-child' norm to meet the goal of achieving the T.F.R. of 2.1 by 2010; and

(d) if so, the action Government have taken on that proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Population Policy 2000 (NPP 2000) does not specifically advocate a 'two child' norm. It affirms the commitment of Government towards stabilizing population of the country by allowing its citizens to make voluntary and informed decisions about their family size.

(c) No such proposal has been circulated by the National Commission on Population. National Commission on Population (NCP) as part of reviewing and monitoring the implementation of the NPP, 2000, suggested restrategising the policies and programmes relating to population stabilisation keeping in view the goals outlined in the NPP which are to be achieved within the given time-frame.

(d) Does not arise.

AIIMS doctors on foreign assignments

42. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior doctors belonging to AIIMS who have gone abroad on assignments, at present;